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In re Application of)
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For: COMBINATION THERAPY EMPLOYING ILEAL BILE ACID TRANSPORT INHIBITING BENZOTHIOPINES AND HMG Co-A REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment into the file. It is believed that a fee of \$444 is due, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (b) and (c), for the filing of one additional independent claim in excess of three ($\$84 = \84×1) and twenty additional claims in excess of twenty ($\$360 = \18×20) in this Preliminary Amendment. However, if it is determined that the actual fee is more or less than this amount, please debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as needed.

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